

REMARKS

Claims 10-13 and 21 are now in the pending in the application.

Attached is a further Declaration (hereinafter also referred to as "Declaration III") under 37 CFR 1.132 by Naoya Amino, a co-inventor of inventions in this application.

The enclosed Declaration III includes the data of the original specification (i.e., Examples III-1, III-2 and III-5 and Comparative Example III-1 in Table III-2), the data from the first Rule 132 Declaration dated July 31, 2008 (i.e., Experiment 2 (Comparative)) and the data of the second Rule 132 Declaration dated September 7, 2009 (i.e., Experiments 3 and 4 (Comparative)) in addition to the data of the new Experiment 5 (Comparative) and Experiments 6 - 9 (Present Invention).

More specifically, Declaration III establishes that when "TgA - TgB" is -7°C to $+7^{\circ}\text{C}$ (i.e., Example III-2 and Experiments 6 - 9 in Table C), 10% or more improvement in the wet braking performance (index) can be obtained as compared with Comparative Ex. III-1 (i.e., $\text{TgA-TgB} = -20$). On the other hand, when "TgA - TgB" is $+11^{\circ}\text{C}$ or -11°C (i.e., Comparative Ex. 3 and 4 and Experiment 5, the improvements in the wet braking performance (index) is at most 5% as compared with Comparative Ex- III-1 (i.e., $\text{TgA-TgB} = -20$). Thus, when $\text{TgB} = \text{TgA} \pm 8^{\circ}\text{C}$, the remarkable improvements in the wet braking performance are made possible.

The tire tread composition and the results obtained by the present invention are by no means expected from the cited art by those skilled in the art.

In view of the above and the prior response, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

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